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SUBJECT: BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

REF: (A) MEXICO 174 (B) MEXICO 667 (C) MEXICO 1191

1. DEPARTMENT HAS OFFICIALLY NOTIFIED MEXICAN EMBASSY THAT
USG HAS GIVEN GOM PERMISSION TO EXCEED CONSULTATION LEVELS
IN CATEGORIES 200-201 OF AGREEMENT. CATEGORY 200 LEVEL
MAY BE EXCEEDED BY 11.7 MILLION SYE; CATEGORY 201 LEVEL MAY
BE EXCEEDED BY 7.6 MILLION SYE.

2. AS AGREED DURING JANUARY 23 CONSULTATIONS, WE HAVE
REVIEWED GOM REQUESTS CONCERNING CONSULTATION CATEGORIES
213, 223, 122 AND 116 AND SPECIFIC LIMIT CATEGORIES 219,
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225, 235 AND 238.

3. AFTER CAREFUL STUDY WE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO GRANT GOM REQUEST TO EXCEED CATEGORY 213 CONSULTATION LEVEL BY 1,153,000 SQUARE YARDS EQUIVALENT. WE WILL NOTIFY MEXICAN EMBASSY OF OUR DECISION, AND PROVIDE LETTER FORMALLY GIVING PERMISSION TO EXCEED.

4. WE HAVE NOT YET DETERMINED OUR POSITION ON GOM REQUESTS ON CATEGORIES 223 AND 122, BUT WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THESE CATEGORIES DURING THE FEBRUARY 23 CONSULTATIONS.

5. AFTER REVIEWING CONSULTATION CATEGORY 116 AND SPECIFIC LIMIT CATEGORIES 219, 225, 235 AND 238, IT APPEARS VERY UNLIKELY THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO GRANT MEXICAN REQUESTS IN THESE AREAS. CATEGORIES ARE SENSITIVE DOMESTICALLY AND INCREASES REQUESTED WOULD PRESENT THREAT OF MARKET DISRUPTION.

6. WE HAVE NOTIFIED MEXICAN EMBASSY THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GOM REQUEST, WE HAVE INCREASED SPECIFIC LIMITS FOR CATEGORIES 219, 225, 235 AND 238 TO REFLECT THE 7 PERCENT FLEXIBILITY.

7. U.S., OF COURSE, ALWAYS PREPARED TO REVIEW WITH REQUESTING GOVERNMENTS ISSUES COVERED IN REQUESTS FOR INCREASES IN SPECIFIC LIMITS, BUT AS U.S. DEL NOTED DURING EARLIER CONSULTATIONS, IN PRINCIPLE SPECIFIC LIMITS ARE NOT INCREASED BECAUSE NEGOTIATED LIMIT PLUS INCREASES PROVIDED IN AGREEMENT ARE AS A RULE MAXIMUM U.S. MARKET CAN ABSORB.

8. DEPT POUCHING TO EMBASSY COPIES OF LETTERS SENT TO MINISTER SAENZ GRANTING PERMISSION TO EXCEED CONSULTATION LEVELS AND IMPLEMENTING FLEXIBILITY IN CATEGORIES 219, 225, 235 AND 238. KISSINGER

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